



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Shi-You Ding et al.  
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For: THERMAL TOLERANT  
CELLULASE FROM  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present paper is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 12, 2003. The present paper is timely filed as it is being filed together with a three month petition for extension of time.

**Written Request Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3):**

Please accept this authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time for its timely submission as though the reply incorporates a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

**Claim Status:** Claims 1-24, 27-35, 43, 44, 48-54 and 58-68 are pending.

Claims 1-24, 27-35, 43, 44, 48-54 and 58-68 are rejected.

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